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REMARKS

The new paragraph inserted into the Specification in this Preliminary Amendment is intended to acknowledge government support of research related to the present application. No new matter has been added by the statement of government support.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, consideration and favorable action on all claims are respectfully requested. In the event any matters remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicant's representative at (858) 677-1456 so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

A marked-up version of the amendments

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-- This invention was made in part with government support under Department of Energy Grant No. DE-FG03-99ER62855/S-95,206. The government has certain rights in this invention --